

Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign

Invitation to Sign Food Wise Charter

Hong Kong has a worrisome waste problem. We dump about 1.27 kg municipal solid waste per person per day. Food waste is the largest source of municipal solid waste. In 2011, we dumped about 3,600 tonnes of food waste in landfills every day - about 40 per cent of municipal solid waste. When food is wasted, apart from the cost implications, all the land, water, fertilizer and labour needed to grow that food are also wasted. In addition, greenhouse gas emissions are produced by the decomposing food in landfills and by the transport of food that is ultimately thrown away. To realise the vision of a truly sustainable world, we need to transform the way we produce and consume our natural resources. We can all play a useful part to reduce food waste for the benefit of our community

To take forward the Chief Executive's pledge to promote food waste reduction, the Government set up in December 2012 the Food Wise Hong Kong Steering Committee chaired by the Secretary for the Environment to implement the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign (the Campaign), which aims to promote public awareness of food waste problems in Hong Kong, to co-ordinate efforts within the Government and public institutions to lead by example in food waste reduction, to instill behavioural change at the individual and household levels to help reduce food waste generation, to draw up and promote good practices of food waste reduction at commercial and industrial establishments, and to facilitate food donation to charitable organisations from establishments with surplus food.

Your support is vital to the success of the Campaign and the actual reduction of food waste from the community. We would like to invite you and your organization to participate as our Food Wise Partner under this Campaign by signing the **Food Wise Charter** (the Charter) attached in **Annex A** and undertake to carry out activities in support of food waste reduction. Your efforts and contribution to reduce food waste will be promulgated on our "Food Wise Partners" webpage for sharing with the rest of the community.

If you could sign¹ the attached Charter, please return your signatory to the following Secretariat of the Campaign:-

Address : Environmental Protection Department,
16/F, Chinachem Exchange Square,
1 Hoi Wan Street, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong
Tel : 3529 2913
Fax : 2838 2155 / 3528 0492
Email : foodwisehk@epd.gov.hk
Attention: Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign Secretariat

We look forward to receiving your favorable response and your participation in the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign. Should you have any enquiry, please feel free to contact our Mr. Lawrence Liu at 3529 2776 (email : lawrenceliu@epd.gov.hk). He will be more than happy to answer your questions.

Environment Bureau

¹ Upon signing of the Charter, we would be grateful if you could provide feedback, using the implementation proforma attached in **Annex B**, in due course. Your feedback is useful for us to preliminarily understand your food waste reduction efforts and to plan for the way forward.

FOOD WISE CHARTER

Statement of Commitment

We understand and agree that –

- ✓ Hong Kong has a worrisome waste problem. We dump about 1.27 kg municipal solid waste per person per day.
- ✓ Food waste is the largest source of municipal solid waste. In 2011, we dumped about 3,600 tonnes of food waste in landfills every day – about 40 per cent of municipal solid waste.
- ✓ When food is wasted, apart from the cost implications, all the land, water, fertilizer and labour needed to grow that food are also wasted. In addition, greenhouse gas emissions are produced by the decomposing food in landfills and by the transport of food that is ultimately thrown away.
- ✓ To realise the vision of a truly sustainable world, we need to transform the way we produce and consume our natural resources. We can all play a useful part to reduce food waste for the benefit of our community.

Implementation

In order to contribute to reducing food waste from the community, we are committed to –

- ✓ Promoting best practices and behavioral changes to reduce food waste.
- ✓ Drawing up plans to promote the awareness and acceptance of food waste reduction best practices by stakeholders within our organisations.

- ✓ Implementing plans with measurable targets to reduce food waste in our organisations and business settings.
- ✓ Encouraging and supporting the management of organisations to conduct in-house waste audits and to use the results of those audits to improve waste management performance.
- ✓ Supporting the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign and similar initiatives to encourage behavioral and cultural changes that engender respects for our precious food and natural resources.
- ✓ Promoting and adopting recipes that make use of food trimmings.
- ✓ Supporting food donation activities whenever possible.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Post Title: _____

Organisation (English): _____

(Chinese): _____

Date: _____

Contact Person		
Name :		
Address :		
Tel No. :	Fax No. :	Email :

Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign Implementation Proforma of the Food Wise Charter

Aspect of Implementation	Planned Actions, Initial Targets and Timeframe for Implementation / Progress and Achievements
<p>Has your organisation promoted the best practices and behavioural changes to reduce food waste?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the best practices and behavioural changes that our organisation has promoted include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> promoting the ordering of the right amount of food <input type="checkbox"/> promoting the taking away of leftovers <input type="checkbox"/> providing food portioning options in the staff canteen (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> purchasing from catering service providers which have good reputation in food waste reduction <input type="checkbox"/> joining the Food Wise Eateries Scheme (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> monitoring food waste generation and identify food waste reduction measures <input type="checkbox"/> others (please specify _____) <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet, but our organisation is planning to start promoting food waste reduction from _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable.</p>
<p>What plans has your organization drawn up to promote the awareness and acceptance of food waste reduction best practices by stakeholders within your organisation?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to promote the awareness and acceptance of food waste reduction best practices, our organization has drawn up the following plans:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> educate and communicate with our stakeholders about food waste reduction best practices through:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> posters in public area <input type="checkbox"/> newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> others (please specify _____) <input type="checkbox"/> others (please specify _____) <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet, but our organisation is going to draw up plans to promote awareness and acceptance from _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable.</p>

Aspect of Implementation	Planned Actions, Initial Targets and Timeframe for Implementation / Progress and Achievements						
<p>Has your organisation implemented plans with measureable targets to reduce food waste in your organisation and business setting?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, our organisation has implemented the following plans to reduce food waste. Their brief description, measureable targets and implementation periods are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="527 277 1936 415"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="527 277 1169 313">Brief Description of the Plan</th> <th data-bbox="1169 277 1560 313">Measureable Target</th> <th data-bbox="1560 277 1936 313">Implementation Period</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="527 313 1169 415"></td> <td data-bbox="1169 313 1560 415"></td> <td data-bbox="1560 313 1936 415"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: your organisation is welcome to use supplementary sheet to give more details if necessary.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet, but our organisation is planning to implement plans with measureable targets from _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable.</p>	Brief Description of the Plan	Measureable Target	Implementation Period			
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<p>Has your organisation conducted in-house waste audits and used the results of those audits to improve waste management performance?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, our in-house waste audits started in _____ and used the results of those audits to improve waste management performance. The audits are carried out every _____ months / years *.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet, but our organisation is planning to conduct in-house waste audits from _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable.</p>						
<p>Has your organisation supported the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign and similar initiatives to encourage behavioural and cultural changes that engender respect for our precious food and natural resources?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, our organisation has supported the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign <input type="checkbox"/> others (please specify _____) <p>The behavioural and cultural changes that our organisation encourages are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> changing the behaviour of ordering excessive amount of food <input type="checkbox"/> changing the behaviour of throwing away leftovers <input type="checkbox"/> others (please specify _____) <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet, but our organisation is planning to support the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign and similar initiatives from _____ to encourage behavioural and cultural changes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable.</p>						

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Has your organisation promoted or adopted recipes that make use of food trimmings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes , our organisation has promoted / adopted * recipes that make use of food trimmings since _____. The efforts include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> our organisation has ordered meals which make use of food trimmings <input type="checkbox"/> our organisation has promoted / adopted * recipes that make use of food trimmings among our suppliers / our customers / our staff * <input type="checkbox"/> others (please specify _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet , but our organisation is planning to promote or adopt better use of food trimmings from _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable.
Has your organisation supported food donation activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes , our organisation supported the following food donation activities since _____:- <i>Name of activity:</i> _____ <i>Type of donated food:</i> fresh food / canned food / non-perishable food / cooked foods / frozen foods / others (please specify: _____) * <i>Where are the food donated to?</i> _____ <i>Amount of donated food (if measured):</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet , but our organisation is planning to support food donation activities from _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable.
Has your organisation achieved overall food waste reduction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes , our organisation has reduced food waste by _____ kg / litres / % * over the period of _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable.

* Please delete as appropriate

Remarks:-

(Note: If your organisation has more information about food waste reduction that you would like to share with EPD, your organisation is welcome to send supplementary information to foodwisehk@epd.gov.hk.)

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Post Title: _____

Organisation (English): _____

Organisation (Chinese): _____

E-mail: _____

Tel. No.: _____

Date: _____